

Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 1 - Term 1 - 3 February 2022

From the Principal's desk

Kia ora Koutou

Warm greetings to you all! I trust you have had a great summer so far. Long may the warm weather continue!

The first week back has been really nice catching up with our students and reconnecting with you the parents. We are now living under Covid Protection Framework - Red at school. The main change under this CPF has been the wearing of masks which has brought some difficulties. I think the key to making it through this year will be for us to have an attitude of humility, kindness and being mindful of the most vulnerable in our community. If we filter all our decisions through these we will do very well. We appreciate your understanding, support and know that you are aware that we are doing our best to meet the mandates and requirements of us under Red. If you have any concerns, we are more than happy to discuss these and find a way forward that is best for the safety and learning of our children and school community.

Vaccinations:

Please know that we are not a Covid vaccination site for students at Faith and as such no vaccinations can take place through us at school. We will not permit any student to be vaccinated at school with the Covid vaccine. This responsibility is completely with you as parents. Likewise, any vaccine such as the meningitis vaccine would only be administered with parental consent.

Swimming:

Don't forget swimming is underway tomorrow and every Friday from here on till the end of Term1. We have a very good swimming plan to keep our kids safe from the looming threat of Covid.

Have a great Waitangi weekend!

Ma te wa

Marty Bullock

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Term One:

2 February to 14
April (we finish on
the Thursday before
Good Friday)

Teacher Only Day:

Friday 1 April

Swimming Lessons:

Every Friday
afternoon during
Term One

Carpark & Crossing

Please only access your cars from the footpaths and do not walk across the car park, including the area in front of the church - please use the crossing and go to your car along the Springvale Road footpath.

Swimming

Students will change into togs at school and wear their PE uniform over the top and will then put their PE uniform back on after drying and return to school to get changed - no students will access the changing rooms at Splash. This is to minimise Covid risks and keep our kids safe.

Please ensure they have all they need to go swimming (togs, towel & goggles).

Masks

Wearing of masks are a requirement for all students at school from Year 4 and above. This mandate has been set by the government and the Ministry of Education. Please help us by encouraging your children to be compliant with this requirement - so far, our kids have been really great with their masks.

Where there is a health issue, meaning wearing a face mask could be detrimental to your child, please contact the principal to discuss and make a plan - eligibility for exemption is now with the school.

Kick Start Breakfast starts this coming Tuesday 8th Feb – weet-bix, milk, & milo



COVID Plan 2022

- **Basic hygiene practices apply at school**
- **All year 4 and above students to wear masks in class – sts get regular breaks**
- **Social distancing required - 2 metres**
- **All parents and visitors must wear face masks on school grounds both outside and inside buildings.**
- **All parents to wear masks in the car park area of the school**
- **QR-codes and sign in on site must be completed in classrooms, or office for those who are coming on site**
- **No external (non-FCS) students on site**
- **No non-essential visitors on site**
- **Only essential education services and visitors on site**
- **Staff, parents, visitors must wear masks inside**